



Washington State  
Department of Transportation

## Washington's Scenic and Recreational Highways

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**Washingtonians value their scenic and recreational resources and want to ensure they are preserved for generations to come.** The State's Scenic and Recreational Highways have been identified as important access routes to the most scenic and best recreational resources Washington has to offer.

### **What is the purpose of the State Scenic and Recreational Highways Plan?**

WSDOT is developing a strategic plan for the Scenic and Recreational Highways to meet both state and federal planning requirements. It is critical to demonstrate performance and explain the value of all our programs, including the Scenic and Recreational Highways.

This Plan is both a new stand-alone document and an element of Washington's Highway System Plan that establishes goals and performance measures consistent with the State's transportation policy goals (RCW 47.04.280), and

- Provides guidance to WSDOT programs;
- Informs other planning efforts such as the Washington Transportation Plan;
- Provides heightened awareness of the value of the state scenic system; and
- Fulfills the need to include a Scenic and Recreational component to the Multi-Modal Transportation Plan as required by state law (RCW 47.06).

### **Citizens' comments played a major role in determining the Plan's direction**

Public participation was instrumental in defining the goals and performance measures for the Scenic and Recreational Highways. The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) sought input from people across the state, representing interest groups for specific Scenic and Recreational Highways, local and regional agencies, tribes and others in order to build the Plan.

### **What is the difference between a Plan and a Program?**

Ideally, strategic plans establish guiding principles (goals, objectives, strategies, and measures) and programs implement these guiding principles. A plan can and often does establish guiding principles for a number of programs. Existing programs may have preexisting guidance either in state law or at the federal level. These programs cannot be modified beyond the flexibility given in the law.

## What are the preliminary goals for Scenic and Recreational Highways?

The Scenic and Recreational Highways are part of the state transportation system and all associated programs and efforts must be consistent with the five Transportation Policy Goals described in state law (RCW 47.04.280). The DRAFT Plan establishes goals and performance measures for three of the State's five transportation policy areas including:

- **Safety:** *Increase traveler safety and traveler services on Washington's Scenic and Recreational Highways.*
- **Mobility:** *Enhance public access to scenic and recreational resources associated with the State's Scenic and Recreational Highways.*
- **Environment:** *Plan for, protect and preserve scenic and recreational resources associated with the State's Scenic and Recreational Highways.*

### The DRAFT Plan also identifies statewide needs

Unfunded projects that support the goals for Scenic and Recreational Highways has been identified and listed in **Appendix A** of the first DRAFT Plan. To view the first DRAFT, visit WSDOT's website:

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/LocalPrograms/ScenicByways/BywaysPlan.htm>

## Where are Washington's Scenic and Recreational Highways?



## **How will WSDOT implement the Plan?**

WSDOT recognizes that it will take the efforts of all these partner agencies and organizations to meet the transportation policy goals associated with Scenic and Recreational Highways. The department will rely on the members of its Plan steering committee to help complete the Plan and collaborate to implement it, including guiding future grant processes.

## **Who do I contact about the DRAFT Plan?**

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Comments about the plan can be submitted online

(<http://eefmapps.wsdot.wa.gov/fmi/xsl/PlanningComments/default.xsl>), via e-mail: [ReevesP@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:ReevesP@wsdot.wa.gov) or in writing: WSDOT, Highways & Local Programs Division, PO Box 47390, Olympia WA 98504-7390. Comments will also be taken during public hearings held on:

January 25, 4 – 6 p.m.  
WSDOT, Area 1 Maintenance Office  
2830 Euclid Avenue  
Wenatchee

January 26, 4 – 6 p.m.  
WSDOT, Transportation Building, Commission Boardroom  
310 Maple Park Avenue SE  
Olympia

January 27, 4 – 6 p.m.  
WSDOT, Northwest Region Headquarters  
15700 Dayton Avenue N.  
Shoreline

All comments received by Monday, March 8 will be considered prior to publishing the final plan.